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SUBJECT: ITF MISSION TO CHILE TURNED BACK

ATTENTION LABATT FOR MCLELLAN AND OTERO

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF SANTIAGO 7215 OF NOVEMBER 26, 1974 (DIST'D LONDON, GENEVA, LIMA): BEGIN SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FEDERATION (ITF) TEAM MEMBER ARRIVING SEPARATELY HAD EXPERIENCED NO ENTRY DIFFICULTIES, EUROPEAN NUCLEUS OF MISSION (JACK JONES, ASSAROD, POST, AND LEWIS) WAS ESCORTED DIRECTLY TO MEETING WITH MINISTER LABOR ON ARRIVAL NOV 25 AND INFORMED MISSION WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO PURSUE INVESTIGATION UNTIL AFTER ILO INQUIRY TEAM DEPARTURE MID-DECEMBER. MIN/LABOR INFORMED GROUP THAT CHILEAN ITF AFFILIATE LEADERS HAD BEEN ORDERED TO REFRAIN FROM CONTACTING GROUP. APPARENTLY GROUP BEING "ESCORTED" UNTIL DEPARTURE. APPEARS ALL WILL DEPART CHILE FOR LIMA ON LAN CHILE FLT. NO. 142 ARRIVING LIMA 2245 NOVEMBER 26. BRITISH MEMBER JONES INDICATED TO HIS EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT HE WILL NOT EXPLOIT PROPAGANDA VALUE OF GOC ACTION AND WILL RECOMMEND RESCHEDULING VISIT. TEAM MEMBERS
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TOLD DECISION MADE BY PINOCHET AND IRREVERSABLE.

REASON GIVEN WAS GOC INABILITY TO ATTEND AND PROVIDE
SECURITY FOR BOTH ITF AND ILO GROUPS AT SAME TIME,

AS ITF REPRESENTATIVE GOMERO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN
INFORMED BY GOC REPRESENTATIVES. FUTURE ITF COURSE
OF ACTION NOT YET KNOWN. END SUMMARY. INGERSOLL

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